

United States District Court
Central District of California

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA vs.

Docket No. SA CR 23-00123-DOCDefendant Rene Rodriguez
Rodriguez, Rene Ybarra
akas: Online Moniker(s): Rusty Griswold; tallyho14; griswollySocial Security No. 7 1 1 4
(Last 4 digits)

JUDGMENT AND PROBATION/COMMITMENT ORDER

MONTH	DAY	YEAR
02	03	2025

In the presence of the attorney for the government, the defendant appeared in person on this date.

COUNSEL

Terra Castillo Laughton, DFPD

(Name of Counsel)

PLEA

GUILTY, and the court being satisfied that there is a factual basis for the plea. **NOLO**
CONTENDERE **NOT**
GUILTY

FINDING

There being a finding / verdict of **GUILTY**, defendant has been convicted as charged of the offense(s) of:
Distribution of Child Pornography in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2)(A) as charged in count one of the indictment.

JUDGMENT
AND PROB/
COMM
ORDER

The Court asked whether there was any reason why judgment should not be pronounced. Because no sufficient cause to the contrary was shown, or appeared to the Court, the Court adjudged the defendant guilty as charged and convicted and ordered that: Pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984, it is the judgment of the Court that the defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a term of: **90 MONTHS**

It is ordered that the defendant shall pay to the United States a special assessment of \$100, which is due immediately. Any unpaid balance shall be due during the period of imprisonment, at the rate of not less than \$25 per quarter, and pursuant to the Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program.

The Court orders the defendant to pay restitution in the total amount of \$26,350, with the amounts payable to the victim/claimants as reflected in Attachment A.

The Court finds from a consideration of the record that the defendant's economic circumstances allow for nominal restitution payments pursuant to the following schedule:

Restitution shall be paid monthly installments of at least 10% of defendant's gross monthly income, but not less than \$100, whichever is greater, during the term of supervised release.

Payments shall begin 90 days of commencement of supervision. During the period of incarceration, restitution shall be paid at \$25 per quarter, and pursuant to the Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program.

Interest on restitution is waived pursuant to 18 U.S.A. 3612(f).

Pursuant to USSG §5E1.2(a), all fines are waived as the Court finds that the defendant has established that he is unable to pay and is not likely to become able to pay any fine.

The additional special assessments pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3014(a)(3) and 2259A(a) are waived as the defendant is found to be an indigent person.

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The Court has found that the property identified in the preliminary order of forfeiture is subject to forfeiture. The preliminary order is incorporated by reference into this judgment and is final.

Pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984, it is the judgment of the Court that the defendant, Rene Rodriguez, is hereby committed on Count 1 of the Indictment to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons for a term of 90 months.

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be placed on supervised release for a term of 20 years under the following terms and conditions:

1. The defendant shall comply with the rules and regulations of the United States Probation & Pretrial Services Office and Second Amended General Order 20-04.
2. During the period of community supervision, the defendant shall pay the special assessment and restitution in accordance with this judgment's orders pertaining to such payment.
3. The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of a DNA sample from the defendant.
4. The defendant shall apply all monies received from income tax refunds, lottery winnings, inheritance, judgments and any other financial gains to the Court-ordered financial obligation.
5. The defendant shall not seek the discharge of any restitution obligation, in whole or in part, in any present or future bankruptcy proceeding.
6. Within three (3) days of release from prison, the defendant shall register as a sex offender, and keep the registration current, in each jurisdiction where the defendant resides, is employed and is a student, pursuant to the registration procedures that have been established in each jurisdiction. When registering for the first time, the defendant shall also register in the jurisdiction in which the conviction occurred if different from the defendant's jurisdiction of residence. The defendant shall provide proof of registration to the Probation Officer within 48 hours of registration.
7. The defendant shall participate in a psychological counseling or psychiatric treatment or a sex offender treatment program, or any combination thereof as approved and directed by the Probation Officer. The defendant shall abide by all rules, requirements, and conditions of such program, including submission to risk assessment evaluations and physiological testing, such as polygraph and Abel testing. The defendant retains the right to invoke the Fifth Amendment. The Court authorizes the Probation Officer to disclose the Presentence Report, and any previous mental health evaluations or reports, to the treatment provider. The treatment provider may provide information (excluding the Presentence report), to State or local social service agencies (such as the State of California, Department of Social Service), for the purpose of the client's rehabilitation.
8. As directed by the Probation Officer, the defendant shall pay all or part of the costs of psychological counseling or psychiatric treatment, or a sex offender treatment program, or any combination thereof to the aftercare contractor during the period of community supervision. The defendant shall provide payment and proof of payment as directed by the Probation Officer. If the defendant has no ability to pay, no payment shall be required.

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9. The defendant shall not view or possess any materials, including pictures, photographs, books, writings, drawings, videos, or video games, depicting or describing child pornography, as defined in 18 U.S.C. §2256(8), or sexually explicit conduct depicting minors, as defined at 18 U.S.C. §2256(2). This condition does not prohibit the defendant from possessing materials solely because they are necessary to, and used for, a collateral attack, nor does it prohibit the defendant from possessing materials prepared and used for the purposes of the defendant's Court-mandated sex offender treatment when the defendant's treatment provider or the probation officer has approved of the defendant's possession of the material in advance.
10. The defendant shall not contact the defendant's victims, by any means, including in person, by mail or electronic means, or via third parties. Further, the defendant shall remain at least 100 yards from the defendant's victims at all times. If any contact occurs, the defendant shall immediately leave the area of contact and report the contact to the Probation Officer.
11. The defendant shall not enter, or loiter, within 100 feet of school yards, parks, public swimming pools, playgrounds, youth centers, video arcade facilities, amusement and theme parks, or other places primarily used by persons under the age of 18, without the prior written authorization of the probation officer.
12. With the exception of any minor child of defendant, defendant shall not associate or have verbal, written, telephonic, or electronic communication with any person under the age of 18, except: (a) in the presence of the parent or legal guardian of said minor; and (b) on the condition that defendant notify said parent or legal guardian of defendant's conviction in the instant offense. This provision does not encompass persons under the age of 18, such as waiters, cashiers, ticket vendors, etc., with whom defendant must interact in order to obtain ordinary and usual commercial services. With respect to any minor child of defendant (including defendant's son while he is a minor), defendant shall follow all court orders regarding custody and visitation.
13. The defendant shall not affiliate with, own, control, volunteer or be employed in any capacity by a business or organization that causes the defendant to regularly contact persons under the age of 18.
14. The defendant shall not affiliate with, own, control, volunteer or be employed in any capacity by a business whose principal product is the production or selling of materials depicting or describing "sexually explicit conduct," as defined at 18 U.S.C. § 2256(2).
15. The defendant's employment shall be approved by the Probation Officer, and any change in employment must be pre-approved by the Probation Officer. The defendant shall submit the name and address of the proposed employer to the Probation Officer at least ten (10) days prior to any scheduled change.
16. Defendant shall not reside within direct view of school yards, parks, public swimming pools, playgrounds, youth centers, video arcade facilities, or other places primarily used by persons under the age of 18. Defendant's residence shall be approved by the Probation Officer, and any change in residence must be pre-approved by the Probation Officer. Defendant shall submit the address of the proposed residence to the Probation Officer at least ten days prior to any scheduled move.

17. The defendant shall possess and use only those digital devices, screen usernames, email accounts, social media accounts, messaging applications, and cloud storage accounts, as well as any passwords or passcodes for all such digital devices and accounts, that have been disclosed to the Probation Officer upon commencement of supervision. Any new devices, accounts, applications, passwords, or passcodes are to be disclosed to the Probation Officer prior to the first use. A digital device is any electronic system or device that can access, view, obtain, store, or transmit visual depictions of sexually explicit conduct involving children.
18. All computers, computer-related devices, and their peripheral equipment, used by the defendant shall be subject to search, seizure and computer monitoring. This shall not apply to items used at the employment site that are maintained and monitored by the employer.
19. The defendant shall comply with the rules and regulations of the Computer Monitoring Program. The defendant shall pay the cost of the Computer Monitoring Program in an amount not to exceed \$32 per month per device
20. The defendant is permitted to use a standard computer device(s) (desktop/laptop computers, smart phones/tablets) with internet access and must permit the U.S. Probation/Pretrial Services Office (USPPSO) to configure, manage, and install monitoring software on all approved standard computer devices. The defendant's standard computer device(s) are limited to those that can be configured, managed, and monitored by the USPPSO. The configuration, management, and monitoring of the defendant's standard computer devices shall be specific to the defendant's Court-ordered conditions, risk and needs, and cybercrime management requirements.
21. Non-standard computer devices possessed or accessible to the defendant (such as smart TV's, refrigerators, game systems, and personal assistants) shall be assessed by the U.S. Probation/Pretrial Services Office (USPPSO) for risk and need of use. The defendant must permit the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office (USPPSO) to configure and/or manage approved non-standard devices for compliance with the defendant's Court-ordered conditions and cybercrime management requirements. Non-standard computer devices that are not able to be configured and/or managed, or which are assessed as being of substantial risk to the successful completion of supervision, may be prohibited.
22. The defendant is prohibited from accessing Kik, Craigslist, and Dropbox unless approved in writing by the U.S. Probation Officer.
23. The defendant shall not own, use or have access to the services of any commercial mail-receiving agency, nor shall the defendant open or maintain a post office box, without the prior written approval of the Probation Officer.
24. The defendant shall report to the United States Probation & Pretrial Services Office within 72 hours of his release from custody.

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25. The defendant shall report in person directly to the Court within 21 days of his release from custody, at a date and time to be set by the United States Probation Office, and thereafter report in person to the Court as directed during his first year of supervised release.
26. The defendant shall not possess, have under the defendant's control, or have access to any firearm, explosive device, or other dangerous weapon, as defined by federal, state, or local law.
27. Defendant shall submit his person and property – including any residence, premises, vehicle, container, papers, effects, and computers, cellular telephones, and other electronic communication or digital storage devices or media under his control --- to search and seizure at any time of the day or night by any law enforcement officer or probation officer, with or without a warrant, probable cause, or reasonable suspicion.

The Court authorizes the Probation Officer to disclose the Presentence Report, and any previous mental health evaluations or reports, to the treatment provider. The treatment provider may provide information (excluding the Presentence report), to State or local social service agencies (such as the State of California, Department of Social Service), for the purpose of the client's rehabilitation.

The drug testing condition mandated by statute is suspended based on the Court's determination that the defendant poses a low risk of future substance abuse.

It is further ordered that the defendant surrender himself to the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons at or before 12 noon on April 4, 2025. In the absence of such designation, the defendant shall report on or before the same date and time, to the United States Marshal located at the United States Court House, 411 West Fourth Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701-4597.

The Court recommends that the defendant be designated to California's Terminal Island facility to facilitate visitation with family, friends, and loved ones.

On government's motion, all remaining counts dismissed.

Bond is exonerated upon surrender.

The Court advised the defendant of his right to appeal.

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In addition to the special conditions of supervision imposed above, it is hereby ordered that the Standard Conditions of Probation and Supervised Release within this judgment be imposed. The Court may change the conditions of supervision, reduce or extend the period of supervision, and at any time during the supervision period or within the maximum period permitted by law, may issue a warrant and revoke supervision for a violation occurring during the supervision period.

 February 3, 2025

Date



Hon. David O. Carter, U. S. District Judge

It is ordered that the Clerk deliver a copy of this Judgment and Probation/Commitment Order to the U.S. Marshal or other qualified officer.

Clerk, U.S. District Court

 February 3, 2025

Filed Date

By Karlen DubonDeputy Clerk

The defendant must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court (set forth below).

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PROBATION AND SUPERVISED RELEASE

While the defendant is on probation or supervised release pursuant to this judgment:

1. The defendant must not commit another federal, state, or local crime;
2. The defendant must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district of residence within 72 hours of imposition of a sentence of probation or release from imprisonment, unless otherwise directed by the probation officer;
3. The defendant must report to the probation office as instructed by the court or probation officer;
4. The defendant must not knowingly leave the judicial district without first receiving the permission of the court or probation officer;
5. The defendant must answer truthfully the inquiries of the probation officer, unless legitimately asserting his or her Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination as to new criminal conduct;
6. The defendant must reside at a location approved by the probation officer and must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before any anticipated change or within 72 hours of an unanticipated change in residence or persons living in defendant's residence;
7. The defendant must permit the probation officer to contact him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and must permit confiscation of any contraband prohibited by law or the terms of supervision and observed in plain view by the probation officer;
8. The defendant must work at a lawful occupation unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons and must notify the probation officer at least ten days before any change in employment or within 72 hours of an unanticipated change;
9. The defendant must not knowingly associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity and must not knowingly associate with any person convicted of a felony unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer. This condition will not apply to intimate family members, unless the court has completed an individualized review and has determined that the restriction is necessary for protection of the community or rehabilitation;
10. The defendant must refrain from excessive use of alcohol and must not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any narcotic or other controlled substance, or any paraphernalia related to such substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
11. The defendant must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
12. For felony cases, the defendant must not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon;
13. The defendant must not act or enter into any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as an informant or source without the permission of the court;
14. The defendant must follow the instructions of the probation officer to implement the orders of the court, afford adequate deterrence from criminal conduct, protect the public from further crimes of the defendant; and provide the defendant with needed educational or vocational training, medical care, or other correctional treatment in the most effective manner.

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The defendant must also comply with the following special conditions (set forth below).

STATUTORY PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF FINANCIAL SANCTIONS

The defendant must pay interest on a fine or restitution of more than \$2,500, unless the court waives interest or unless the fine or restitution is paid in full before the fifteenth (15th) day after the date of the judgment under 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f)(1). Payments may be subject to penalties for default and delinquency under 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g). Interest and penalties pertaining to restitution, however, are not applicable for offenses completed before April 24, 1996. Assessments, restitution, fines, penalties, and costs must be paid by certified check or money order made payable to "Clerk, U.S. District Court." Each certified check or money order must include the case name and number. Payments must be delivered to:

United States District Court, Central District of California
 Attn: Fiscal Department
 255 East Temple Street, Room 1178
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

or such other address as the Court may in future direct.

If all or any portion of a fine or restitution ordered remains unpaid after the termination of supervision, the defendant must pay the balance as directed by the United States Attorney's Office. 18 U.S.C. § 3613.

The defendant must notify the United States Attorney within thirty (30) days of any change in the defendant's mailing address or residence address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments are paid in full. 18 U.S.C. § 3612(b)(1)(F).

The defendant must notify the Court (through the Probation Office) and the United States Attorney of any material change in the defendant's economic circumstances that might affect the defendant's ability to pay a fine or restitution, as required by 18 U.S.C. § 3664(k). The Court may also accept such notification from the government or the victim, and may, on its own motion or that of a party or the victim, adjust the manner of payment of a fine or restitution under 18 U.S.C. § 3664(k). See also 18 U.S.C. § 3572(d)(3) and for probation 18 U.S.C. § 3563(a)(7).

Payments will be applied in the following order:

1. Special assessments under 18 U.S.C. § 3013;
2. Restitution, in this sequence (under 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid):
 - Non-federal victims (individual and corporate),
 - Providers of compensation to non-federal victims,
 - The United States as victim;
3. Fine;
4. Community restitution, under 18 U.S.C. § 3663(c); and
5. Other penalties and costs.

CONDITIONS OF PROBATION AND SUPERVISED RELEASE PERTAINING TO FINANCIAL SANCTIONS

As directed by the Probation Officer, the defendant must provide to the Probation Officer: (1) a signed release authorizing credit report inquiries; (2) federal and state income tax returns or a signed release authorizing their disclosure and (3) an accurate financial statement, with supporting documentation as to all assets, income and expenses of the defendant. In addition, the defendant must not apply for any loan or open any line of credit without prior approval of the Probation Officer.

When supervision begins, and at any time thereafter upon request of the Probation Officer, the defendant must produce to the Probation and Pretrial Services Office records of all bank or investments accounts to which the defendant has access, including any business or trust accounts. Thereafter, for the term of supervision, the defendant must notify and receive approval of the Probation Office in advance of opening a new account or modifying or closing an existing one, including adding or deleting signatories; changing the account number or name, address, or other identifying information affiliated with the account; or any other modification. If the Probation Office approves the new account, modification or closing, the defendant must give the Probation Officer all related account records within 10 days of opening, modifying or closing the account. The defendant must not direct or ask anyone else to open or maintain any account on the defendant's behalf.

The defendant must not transfer, sell, give away, or otherwise convey any asset with a fair market value in excess of \$500 without approval of the Probation Officer until all financial obligations imposed by the Court have been satisfied in full.

These conditions are in addition to any other conditions imposed by this judgment.

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I have executed the within Judgment and Commitment as follows:

Defendant delivered on _____ to _____

Defendant noted on appeal on _____

Defendant released on _____

Mandate issued on _____

Defendant's appeal determined on _____

Defendant delivered on _____ to _____

at _____
the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons, with a certified copy of the within Judgment and Commitment.

United States Marshal

By _____

Date _____

Deputy Marshal

CERTIFICATE

I hereby attest and certify this date that the foregoing document is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file in my office, and in my legal custody.

Clerk, U.S. District Court

By _____

Filed Date _____

Deputy Clerk

FOR U.S. PROBATION OFFICE USE ONLY

Upon a finding of violation of probation or supervised release, I understand that the court may (1) revoke supervision, (2) extend the term of supervision, and/or (3) modify the conditions of supervision.

These conditions have been read to me. I fully understand the conditions and have been provided a copy of them.

(Signed) _____ Date _____
Defendant

U. S. Probation Officer/Designated Witness _____ Date _____

ATTACHMENT A

<u>Victim</u>	<u>Amount of Restitution</u>
██████████	\$1,000
██████████	\$2,000
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██████████ "Middle"	\$1,000
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██████████	\$1,250

1	[REDACTED]	\$2,500
2	[REDACTED]	\$1,250
3	[REDACTED]	\$850
4	[REDACTED]	\$1,000
5	[REDACTED]	\$1,250
6	TOTAL	\$26,350